

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MUELLER ET AL. Examiner: JEAN F. DUVERNE  
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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By: Denise ChamberlinName: Denise ChamberlinPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, said period of response being extended from March 16, 2006 to April 16, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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